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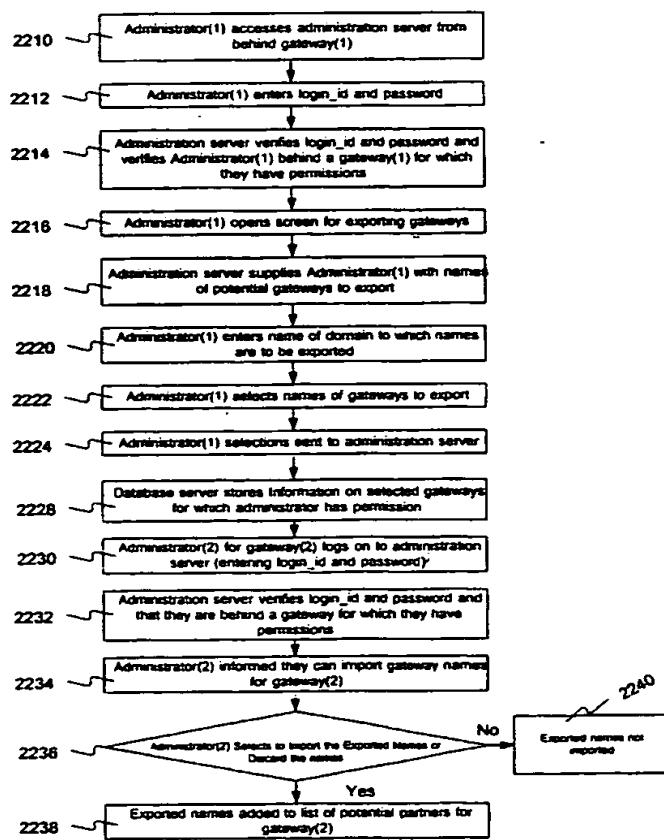
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(57) Abstract: Methods and systems are provided for enabling a network between a first and a second processor using at least one additional processor separate from the first and second processors. In one embodiment, the first processor and the second processor may each be independently administered through the additional processor. Further, the additional processor may receive information indicating a consent on behalf of the first processor to enabling a tunnel between the first processor and the second processor and receives information indicating a consent on behalf of the second processor to enabling a tunnel between the second processor and the first processor. The additional processor may determine a first virtual address for the first processor and a second virtual address for the second processor such that the first and second virtual addresses uniquely identify the first and second processors, respectively, and are routable through the network. The additional processor may provide to each of the first and second processors the first and second virtual addresses to enable one or more tunnels between the first and the second processors.

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